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This building was erected in 1848 by Willard Carpenter. In March, 1934, it was purchased by the Evansville American Legion from Georgia Carpenter, heir of the builder. The home has been occupied continually by members of the Carpenter family until a few years ago when an attendant was employed to live at the place.

The building is built with 21" brick walls. Forty years ago the outside shutters were removed and a coat of cement stucco about 3/8" thick applied to the exterior walls and marked off to imitate large stone. This is the only visible change made in the house since its erection. There is no heating equipment in the house other than the fireplaces and stoves.

The name of the architect is not known but Gottlieb Bippus did the carpenter work and Tholl and Tenford the masonry. Much of the building material was shipped from Lawrenceburg, Indiana. All of the furniture was purchased in New York and shipped here by way of New Orleans.

Willard Carpenter was born at Stafford, Orange County, Vermont, in 1803. He made his first trip to Evansville in 1822 and settled here in 1837. His main interest was in the promotion of railroads in Southern Indiana. A noteworthy philanthropy is the Willard Carpenter Library of Evansville, which he endowed.

The above information was obtained from books in the Willard Carpenter Library, Evansville, Indiana.

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